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*More Monthly Newsletter*

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## Free Tutoring Takes Off

Last month South Carolina students participated in more than 1,800 free tutoring sessions thanks to our partnership with the South Carolina Department of Education. A story featuring the sessions with tutor.com offered through [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#) aired this week on Live 5 News Charleston. [Check it out](#), and [take advantage of free, 24/7 access](#).



UPCOMING  
events

## How to Grow and Strengthen Your Team: 1/19/2022

Build cohesive virtual and face-to-face teams that are successful, effective, and resilient by discovering what makes a good team tick and how to lead one.

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## January Data Chat: 1/20/2022

We'll review data highlights of 2021 to see which visualizations stood out the most.

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## Engaging Online Community Members: 1/26/2022

Expand customer service by meeting patrons where they are, including in virtual spaces. Find ways to identify those who benefit from virtual programming and create connections that defy physical distances.

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## Readers Advisory Year in Review, 2021: 2/02/2022

Take a step back and look critically at the year that was before setting goals or service plans for adult leisure reading in 2022.

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## New Deadline

The deadline for this year's writing contest from [ReadSC, the South Carolina Center for the Book](#), is January 31st. The contest is open for students in grades 4-12. Students entering the Letters Contest may write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre, explaining how that author's work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves. Those interested in entering the Poetry Contest may write a poem on how they wish to shape the world, their impact, and their vision for the world. Students may enter both genres. There are three levels for each contest, depending on the grade



in school. Judges will select three winners from each category and each level. To find additional information and submit entries, please [visit the ReadSC website](#).



## Talking Teens and Tweens

Are you feeling youthful at the start of the new year? We are too and hope to use the inspiration from our younger patrons to help library staff create exciting programs for them in 2022. [Register](#) to help us kick off a new year of Youth Services Data Chats at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19. We love your input, so, send agenda ideas and suggestions to [Youth Services Consultant Leigh Ramey](#). Also, mark your calendar and [register for the Summer Reading 2022 brainstorming session](#) on January 28th. Dive into "Oceans of Possibilities" and prepare for a summer full of programming.



## Take a Proactive Approach

Learn to increase cultural competency and humility to best address your community's needs and strengths. Explore implicit bias, microaggressions, and racial equity, to understand what diversity and inclusion entail and how to operationalize anti-racism, self-reflection, and advocacy. Be entertained and educated while learning ways to handle difficult situations in everyday life. [Join us on Thursday, January 28th.](#)

## Get in the Know

How many times have you heard the phrase, "New year, new you?" When hearing that phrase, how many times have you thought, "New you, I have no clue?" The library can help you explore a variety of interests and aspirations, at no cost. Sign up for [a State Library card](#) to get



access to our physical collection and the thousands of eBooks accessible from anywhere. We recently added [\*Freedom's daughters: the unsung heroines of the civil rights movement from 1830 to 1970\*](#), and [\*Hidden History of Gamecock Football\*](#).



## Teachers Take Note



We added another resource for teachers and students to [Discus- South Carolina's Virtual Library](#). TeachingBooks brings books to life through support for book assignments and author studies. With a focus on Pre-K – Grade 12, TeachingBooks offer book guides, activities, and teaching ideas along with read-along audiobooks and a reader's advisory tool. Its companion resource, Book Connections, is designed for public library professionals, homeschool families, and students. Find both resources via the A –Z List on [scdiscus.org](http://scdiscus.org).



## Get Cozy

The [Talking Book Services](#) Winter Reading Program is underway. Patrons may choose any type of book and tally their reading by the book or by hours read. Keep track of your totals, or contact a reader advisor at 1-800-922-7818 or [tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov).



## Let's Celebrate Art

The 2022 Talking Book Services Art Competition is underway. Any visually impaired/blind child or young adult who is still in school may enter. Artwork needs to be tactile in any medium, one entry per student. We will award first, second, and third place for each age category. The

Anyone reading at least one book or one hour is entered in the grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. We will give away two Kindle Fires, one for “books read” and one for “hours read.” The program concludes on February 14, 2022.

submission deadline is March 4, 2022. Please visit our [Talking Book Services website](#) for additional details and a registration form.



## Authors of SC

Get to know Faye Collins during the first Authors of SC event of 2022. Her most recent book, *Midnight Song: One Woman's Path to Freedom*, is set in the Jim Crow South during the 1940s. A mysterious traveler helps the heroine, Ella Jane Mitchell, escape a chain gang prison farm to reunite with her children. Uncover the plot's inspiration with the author [at 6:00 p.m. on February 3rd](#).

## Grant Opportunity

The American Library Association (ALA) invites library workers to [apply for the Peggy Barber Tribute Grant](#), a programming grant named after the transformative ALA leader responsible for creating National Library Week and the Celebrity READ series. The grant helps meaningful programs in libraries with limited programming budgets. ALA will support a different type of library programming each year, awarding up to three \$2,500 grants annually. This year, libraries may submit applications that support humanities-based programming. Proposed programs may be in-person or virtual. Applications are due by February 1, 2022.

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